



CERTIFICATION FOR PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS

Peer support is an evidence-based practice for supporting people with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Peer support is provided by specially trained individuals who self-identify as having personally experienced a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder and who have successfully accessed treatment and resources necessary to build their own personal recovery.

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services trains and certifies Peer Recovery Specialists to provide this unique service. Certified Peer Recovery Specialists:

- assist people by promoting self-directed recovery goals
- lead support groups, recovery groups
- teach recovery education classes
- serve as role models, mentors and advocates



WELCOMING PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

MEDICAID-REIMBURSABLE SERVICES BY PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

INITIAL WEEKLONG TRAINING PROVIDED BY TDMHSAS WITHOUT COST TO APPROVED APPLICANTS

TRAINING APPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE STATE WEBSITE:
<http://www.tn.gov/mental/recovery/oqa3.shtml>

OR CALL 800-560-5767

TRAINING DATES 2014

Jackson, September 8-12

Knoxville, October 20-24

Nashville, October 20-24

Memphis, November 10-14

2015

Nashville, March 2-6

Chattanooga, March 16-20

Memphis, April 6-10

Knoxville, May 11-15

Nashville, June 22-26